GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:46
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CLOSURE OF BTPS DUE TO POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether `A` plant of Bokaro Thermal Power Station has been closed recently due to pollution;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the financial loss being incurred per month due to closure of the said plant;

(d) whether any prior notice was served by the Department of Environment before closing down the said plant;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government propose to restart the said plant; and
(g) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a): Yes, Sir. Bokaro Thermal `A` has been under shutdown recently due to non-fulfillment of pollution control measures.

(b): The units were commissioned in the year 1953 and were fitted with mechanical dust collector only. As a result, the emission through the chimneys was much above the stipulated limits.

(c): The financial loss would be around Rs. 3.27 crore per month on an average.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): Both the Central Pollution Control Board and Bihar State Pollution Control Board directed DVC to install pollution control devices at Bokaro `A` to meet the emission standards.

(f) & (g): The units can be allowed to operate only after installation of pollution control measures as per the instruction of the Bihar State Pollution Control Board. DVC has already tendered for installation of new electrostatic precipitators, ash evacuation and handling system, effluent water purifier.